

REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the Abstract has been amended to contain 150 words or less.

Claims 10-17 are pending herein. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 in favor of new claims 10-17. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

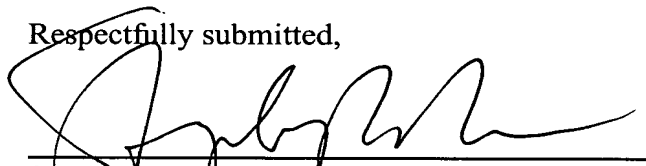
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

July 24, 2006

Date

Respectfully submitted,



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